

Annual Financial Report of the Trustees for 2024

Community Association of Portslade (south)

Charity number 1089418

Accounts for the period from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2024

Income £38832.67

Expenditure £50252.13

Net Loss. £ 1141946

Balance in bank 31st December 2023 £14944.82

Income for 2023 £38832.67

TOTAL £5377749

Expenditure for 2023 £50252.13

Balance in bank on 31st December 2024 £ 3525.36

Treasurer.

Patrick Ginnelly

Examiner of Accounts

Tracy Angus



For submission to the Annual General Meeting on 21st October 2024



Kaid Chamberlain Trustee



Carol Byard. Trustee / chair

Ruth Jantey. Trustee

Charity Overview

To provide a Community Centre for the use of the inhabitants of South Portslade and nearby environs within Brighton and Hove Council and Adur Council. Such provision to be on a non profit making basis governed by the trustees of the Association.

A) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupations with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

B) Maintain the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same in furtherance of these objectives.

C) Promote other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

The Community Centre of Portslade (south) is contained in a modified church building belonging to the Church of England and contains a Chapel of Ease which is used by both the Association and the Church. This building is rented at a fee of £1 per year. In addition we cover the upkeep of the building and all general expenses as well as a contribution to cover the building insurance.

ADDRESS

South Portslade Community Centre
Church Road
PORTSLADE
BRIGHTON
BN41 1LB

Email: hello@portsladecommunitycentre.org

Policies

Complaints Procedure

Staff Wages Policy

Risk Management - including Fire, Health and Safety and Covid

Safeguarding Policy for vulnerable beneficiaries

Volunteer Management when appropriate

Employees

We retain 3 part time employees. A Centre Manager, an Office Manager and a Caretaker with cleaning duties. We also employ as necessary a gardener and maintenance person. In addition all other maintenance, inspection etc is carried out by hired professional.

Staff and Trustees also volunteer their services and on occasions additional volunteers are found for specific objectives when needed.

Staff Pay is reviewed every year and we pay more than the minimum wage.

Property

The property is owned by the Church of England and we pay an annual rent of £1. At present this is paid up to to 2025. The charity does not own or lease any other property.

What the Charity Does

We hire out facilities which allow other groups to carry out activities.

At present we have a Nursery and Forest School during the day and this provides much needed nursery provision for the area. The areas the Nursery use are still available for use by the inhabitants of Portslade and the environs during weekend and evenings.

Centre Users

There are a large number of groups that use the centre on a regular basis. These include groups for children, dancing groups, activities for those referred to as elderly, various religious groups, physical activities such as yoga and martial arts. Various group meetings, education activities and general bookings for family activities such as parties. In particular we have a regular use by the Alcoholics Anonymous for group meetings.

The building is suitable for people with particular needs including flat entries and a lift. We also have 3 additional toilets with special equipment.

Maintenance includes the heating systems, electronics and fire safety, decorating and deep cleaning. We also maintained the outside of the building and the grounds.

Treasurers Comment

The account shows a loss of £1141946 which is a direct result of the actions of Lisa Southon the owner and director of My First Word - Grows Up Ltd Nursery. We were informed that the nursery was about to be closed following a failed OFSTED inspection. We agreed to seek a new Nursery Organiser which include a company suggested by Lisa Southon and an existing local nursery which had used our facilities for a number of years. In line with our policy of supporting the local area we opted to offer the Nursery to the owners of the Hippy Kids Nursery.

In spite of assurances that the overdue rent would be paid Lisa Southon and others entered the premises on the night of 4th October and removed any valuable equipment. She also informed her staff that the nursery was now closed. She failed to inform the parents of the children and we understand has failed to pay wages to staff or rebates to parents.

We endeavoured to agree a settlement for our loss but with no response. The new nursery was able to start in January and has been a great success.

We are in the process of seeking a settlement via the small claims court process in the region of £10000.00 based on unpaid rent and costs of clearing and cleaning the premises for the new nursery. This process has been subjected to various difficulties and we are in communication with the agency in charge of the process to find out when the case will proceed.

At present we have made arrangements to allow the Community Centre to continue running efficiently and will be able to do so no matter what the result of our legal claim.

As treasurer I aim to retain a balance able to meet at least 3 months average expenses including salaries and our present balance meets this requirement. With the deposit and first payment from the Hippy Kids Nursery and Forest School we were able to maintain this balance in 2024.

Funding and Payments

This charity raises funding by hiring out facilities and does not work with professional fundraisers.

**The charity does not have any trading subsidiaries.
The charity owns no property.**

The trustees do not receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity.

TRUSTEES

Tristan Oliver	Secretary
Patrick Ginnelly	Treasurer
Bronwen Curran	Centre Manager
Enid Chamberlain	
Carol Byard	Chair
Ruth Tansey	

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Financial Statements

Period Ended 31 December 2023

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1st January 2023-31st December 2023

Profit and Loss

Turnover

My First World	£ 13,030.00
Yousif	£ 629.00
Revolut	£ 1,487.50
Denizli	£ 2,115.75
Nicholls	£ 2,695.00
Hippy Kids	£ 1,906.00
King Art	£ 650.00
Hugh's Fellowship	£ 1,034.00
Pulse	£ 1,373.00
Mcenery-Carte	£ 507.00
La Tarte	£ 922.00
ODAAT	£ 891.00
General Bookings	£ 11,592.42

Gross Profit **£ 38,832.67**

Overheads

Wages	£ 23,734.08
Rent/Rates	£ 614.40
Cleaning	£ 1,996.68
Heat/Light	£ 10,594.11
Water	£ 475.70
Maintanance	£ 6,491.10
Telephone/IT	£ 1,036.52
Consumables	£ 1,302.38
Office Supplies	£ 409.42
Insurance	£ 3,435.74
Accounts	£ 60.00
Advertising	£ 102.00
	£ 50,252.13

Net Loss/Profit **-£ 11,419.46**

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the period 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

Note 1

Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic or Ireland" including the provisions of section 1A "Small Entities" and the companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention.

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Report of the Accountant

For the year ended 31st December 2023

In accordance with your instructions, I have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you in fulfilling your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and explanations supplied by yourselves.



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